

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A multifunctional device for supporting a lid of a container in order to protect an item stored within the container, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member; and

at least one leg member detachably connected to said upper member by a connecting means and projecting from a surface of said upper member, wherein said upper member and said leg member each have a first function as a lid support when said leg member ~~and~~ is connected to said upper member ~~are attached~~, and ~~either one of~~ said detached upper member ~~or~~ and said leg member each have ~~[[a]] related second function~~ functions that are different from the first function when said leg member is detached from said upper member.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The multifunctional lid support of claim 1 further~~ A multifunctional device for supporting a lid of a container in order to protect an item stored within the container, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member;

at least one leg member detachably connected to said upper member by a connecting means and projecting from a surface of said upper member, wherein said upper member and said leg member each have a first function as a lid support when said leg member is connected to said upper member, and said detached upper member and said leg member each have related second functions that are different from the first function when said leg member is detached from said upper member;

said upper member having a circular shape with an indicia positioned on an upper surface of said upper member;

said leg member having a head portion and a tapered shaft portion extending from said head portion, such that an end of the tapered shaft portion forms a point; and

~~wherein said~~ the first function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and ~~[[a]]~~ the second function of said detached leg member is a golf tee.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The multifunctional lid support of claim 1 further~~ A multifunctional device for supporting a lid of a container in order to protect an item stored within the container, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member;

at least one leg member detachably connected to said upper member by a connecting means and projecting from a surface of said upper member, wherein said upper member and said leg member each have a first function as a lid support when said leg member is connected to said upper member, and said detached upper member and said leg member each have related second functions that are different from the first function when said leg member is detached from said upper member;

said upper member having a football shape with an indicia positioned on an upper surface of said upper member;

said leg member having a vertically extending portion joined to a U-shaped portion; and

~~wherein said~~ the first function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and ~~said~~ the second function of said detached leg member is a goalpost and ~~said~~ the second function of said detached upper member is a football.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The multifunctional lid support of claim 1 further~~ A multifunctional device for supporting a lid of a container in order to protect an item stored within the container, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member;

at least one leg member detachably connected to said upper member by a connecting means and projecting from a surface of said upper member, wherein said upper member and said leg member each have a first function as a lid support when said leg member is connected to said upper member, and said detached upper member and said leg member each have related second functions that are different from the first function when said leg member is detached from said upper member;

said upper member having a spherical shape with an indicia positioned on an upper surface of said upper member; and

said leg member having a horizontally oriented T-shaped portion and a vertically oriented portion extending radially from each end of the "T" portion, wherein ~~said~~ the first function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and ~~said~~ the second function of said detached leg member is a goal net and ~~said~~ the second function of said detached upper member is a ball.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The multifunctional lid support of claim 1 further~~ A multifunctional device for supporting a lid of a container in order to protect an item stored within the container, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member;

at least one leg member detachably connected to said upper member by a connecting means and projecting from a surface of said upper member, wherein said upper member and said leg member each have a first function as a lid support when said leg member is connected to said upper member, and said detached upper member and said leg member each have related second functions that are different from the first function when said leg member is detached from said upper member;

a third member detachably connected to said upper member, wherein said third member is a cylinder and has a second function when detached;

said upper member having an elongated rectangular shape with a curved portion at one end and an indicia positioned on an upper surface of said upper member; and

said leg member having a horizontally oriented T-shaped portion and a vertically oriented portion extending radially from each end of the "T" portion, wherein ~~said~~ the first use function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and ~~[[a]]~~ the second use function of said detached leg member is a goal net and ~~[[a]]~~ the second use function of said detached upper member is a stick, and ~~[[a]]~~ the second use function of said detached third member is a puck.

7. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional ~~lid support device~~ of claim 1 further comprising:

said upper member including an inner circular portion with an indicia positioned on an upper surface of said inner circular portion, an outer rim portion surrounding said inner portion, and a plurality of spoke member interconnecting said inner portion with said outer rim, wherein said first function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and said second function of said detached upper member is a wearable jewelry item.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional ~~lid support~~ device of claim 1 further comprising:

said upper member having a round shape wherein an outer rim of said upper member includes a raised portion forming a frame around an indicia-receiving portion, wherein said first function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and a second function of said detached upper member is a picture frame.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The multifunctional lid support of claim 1 further~~ A multifunctional device for supporting a lid of a container in order to protect an item stored within the container, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member;

at least one leg member detachably connected to said upper member by a connecting means and projecting from a surface of said upper member, wherein said upper member and said leg member each have a first function as a lid support when said leg member is connected to said upper member, and said detached upper member and said leg member each have related second functions that are different from the first function when said leg member is detached from said upper member;

said upper member having a generally planar pentagonal shape;

said leg member having a cylindrical shape to have a second function as a miniature baseball tee;

a third detachable member having a tapered cylindrical shape ~~to have~~ and having a second function as a miniature bat when detached; and

a fourth detachable member having a spherical shape ~~to have~~ and having a second function as a miniature ball, wherein the first function of said support device ~~has a first function~~ is as a lid device and ~~[[a]]~~ the second function is as a miniature baseball game.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The multifunctional lid support of claim 1 further~~ A multifunctional device for supporting a lid of a container in order to protect an item stored within the container, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member;

at least one leg member detachably connected to said upper member by a connecting means and projecting from a surface of said upper member, wherein said upper member and said leg member each have a first function as a lid support when said leg member is connected to said upper member, and said detached upper member and said leg member each have related second functions that are different from the first function when said leg member is detached from said upper member;

said upper member having a generally planar rectangular shape ~~to have~~ and the a second function is as a basketball backboard, wherein said upper member also includes a ring-shaped member projecting radially therefrom;

said leg member having a cylindrical shape ~~to have a~~ and the second function is as a basketball pole for supporting the basketball backboard; and

a third member having a spherical shape ~~to have~~ and having a second function as a basketball when detached, wherein the first function of said support device ~~has a first function~~ is as a lid support and ~~[[a]]~~ the second function is as a miniature basketball game.

13. (Currently Amended) A multifunctional device having a first function for supporting a lid of a cardboard container for a pizza to protect the pizza and a second unrelated function, said multifunctional lid support comprising:

a generally planar upper member with an indicia positioned on an upper surface of said upper member; and

at least one leg member detachably connected to said upper member by a connecting means and projecting radially from said upper member, wherein said upper member and said leg member each have a first function together as a lid support when said leg member ~~and is connected to~~ said upper member ~~are attached~~, and said ~~either one of~~ upper member ~~[[or]]~~ and said leg member each have a related second function as a miniature toy when said leg member is detached from said upper member.

14-15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional ~~lid support~~ device of claim ~~13~~ 6 further comprising:

a third member detachably connected to said upper member, wherein said third member is a cylinder and a second use of said detached third member is a puck;

said upper member having an elongated rectangular shape with a curved portion at one end and an indicia positioned on an upper surface of said upper member, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the second use of said detached upper member is a stick;

said leg member having a horizontally oriented T-shaped portion and a vertically oriented portion extending radially from each end of the "T" portion, and ~~[[a]]~~ the second ~~use~~ function of said detached leg member is a goal net and, wherein the first function of said support device ~~has~~ a first function is as a lid support device and ~~[[a]]~~ the second ~~use~~ a function is as a miniature hockey game.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional ~~lid support~~ device of claim 13 further comprising:

said upper member having a conical shape, wherein said first function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and a second function of said detached upper member is a spinnable top.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A multifunctional device having a first function for supporting a lid of a cardboard container for a pizza to protect the pizza and a second unrelated function, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member having a round shape wherein an outer rim of said upper member includes a raised portion forming a frame around an indicia-receiving portion; and

at least one detachable leg member extending radially from an edge of said upper member, wherein ~~said~~ the first function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and ~~[[a]]~~ the second function of said detached upper member is a picture frame.

21. (Currently Amended) A multifunctional device having a first function for supporting a lid of a cardboard container for a pizza to protect the pizza and a second function, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member having an inner circular portion with an indicia positioned on an upper surface of said inner circular portion, an outer rim portion surrounding said inner portion, and a plurality of spoke members interconnecting said inner portion and said outer rim; and

at least one detachable leg member projecting radially from a surface of said upper member, wherein ~~said~~ the first function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and ~~said~~ the second function of said detached upper member is a wearable jewelry item.

22. (Currently Amended) A multifunctional device having a first function for supporting a lid of a cardboard container for a pizza to protect the pizza and a second function, said multifunctional device comprising:

a generally planar upper member with an indicia positioned on an upper surface of said upper member; and

at least one detachable leg member projecting radially from a surface of said upper member, said leg member having a head portion and a tapered shaft portion extending from said head portion, such that an end of the tapered shaft portion forms a point;

wherein ~~said~~ the first function of said upper member and attached leg member is a lid support and ~~[[a]]~~ the second function of said detached leg member is a golf tee and ~~[[a]]~~ the second function of said detached upper member is a golf ball marker.